

IN THE CLAIMS:

All pending claims and their present status are produced below.

1. (Currently Amended) A ~~system~~ printer for printing time-based media, the ~~system~~ printer comprising:

a media processing system for determining an electronic representation of the time-based media ~~wherein the media processing system resides at least in part on a multimedia printer and at least in part on an external media processing system;~~

an electronic output system for producing a corresponding electronic output from the electronic representation of the time-based media;

~~the multimedia printer including~~ a housing for supporting an interface for transferring time-based media between ~~the an~~ external ~~media processing system~~ and the printer, and for supporting ~~an~~ the electronic output system in communication with the media processing system to receive the electronic representation, ~~the electronic output system producing a corresponding electronic output from the electronic representation of the time-based media;~~
and

a resource allocation module for determining processing allocation for at least one task among the printer and the external ~~media processing system;~~ ;
and

~~a user interface for receiving user input indicating selection of one or more media processing resources from among resources of the printer and an external system. [[.]]~~

2. (Currently Amended) The ~~system~~ printer of claim 1, wherein the resource allocation module determines whether the printer resource interacts as a master or as a slave with ~~an~~the external system.

3. (Currently Amended) The ~~system~~ printer of claim 1, wherein the external ~~media processing system~~ is another multimedia printer coupled via a network to the interface for transferring time-based media.

4. (Currently Amended) The ~~system~~ printer of claim 1, wherein the external ~~media processing system~~ is a remote external service system coupled via a network to the interface for transferring time-based media, the external service system in communication with the media processing system for performing at least some processing steps for the time-based media.

5. (Currently Amended) The ~~system~~ printer of claim 1, ~~wherein the user interface is a part of the printer.~~ further comprising a user interface for receiving user input indicating selection of one or more media processing resources from among resources of the printer and the external system.

6. (Currently Amended) The ~~system~~ printer of claim 5 wherein the user interface displays a request for user input from the external system.

7. (Currently Amended) The ~~system~~ printer of claim 5 wherein the user interface displays processing status of task being processed by the external system.

8. (Currently Amended) The ~~system~~ printer of claim 1, wherein ~~the user interface is a part of the external system~~ the printer is coupled to the external system providing a user interface to the printer, the user interface for receiving user input indicating selection of one or more media processing resources from among resources of the printer and the external system.

9. (Currently Amended) The ~~system~~ printer of claim 8 wherein the user interface displays a request for user input from the printer.

10. (Currently Amended) The ~~system~~ printer of claim 8 wherein the user interface displays processing status of task being processed by the printer.

11. (Currently Amended) The ~~system~~ printer of claim 1, wherein the interface comprises a communication interface allowing the system to be communicatively coupled to an electronic device, the electronic device providing the time-based media to the system.

12. (Currently Amended) The ~~system~~ printer of claim 1, wherein the interface comprises a removable media storage reader.

13. (Currently Amended) The ~~system~~ printer of claim 1, wherein the interface comprises a media input device selected from a group consisting of: a DVD reader, a video cassette tape reader, a CD reader, an audio cassette tape reader, and a flash card reader.

14. (Currently Amended) The ~~system~~ printer of claim 1, wherein the interface comprises a media broadcast receiver that can be tuned to a media broadcast.

15. (Currently Amended) The ~~system~~ printer of claim 1, wherein the interface comprises an embedded receiver selected from a group consisting of: an embedded TV receiver, an embedded radio receiver, an embedded short-wave radio receiver, an embedded satellite radio receiver, an embedded two-way radio, and an embedded cellular phone.

16. (Currently Amended) The ~~system~~ printer of claim 1, wherein the interface comprises an embedded device selected from a group consisting of: an embedded heat sensor, an embedded humidity sensor, an embedded National Weather Service radio alert receiver, and an embedded TV Emergency Alert System (EAS) alert monitor.

17. (Currently Amended) The ~~system~~ printer of claim 1, wherein the interface comprises embedded screen capture hardware.

18. (Currently Amended) The ~~system~~ printer of claim 1, wherein the interface comprises an ultrasonic pen capture device.

19. (Currently Amended) The ~~system~~ printer of claim 1, wherein the interface comprises an embedded video recorder, wherein the time-based media is a series of images captured by the embedded video recorder, converted into an electrical format, and then provided to the media processing system.

20. (Currently Amended) The ~~system~~ printer of claim 1, wherein the interface comprises an embedded audio recorder, wherein the time-based media is a series of sounds that are converted into an electrical format by the embedded audio recorder and then provided to the media processing system.

21. (Currently Amended) The ~~system~~ printer of claim 1, wherein the electronic output system is configured to write the electronic representation to a removable media storage device.

22. (Currently Amended) The ~~system~~ printer of claim 21, wherein the removable storage device is selected from a group consisting of: a DVD, a video cassette

tape, a CD, an audio cassette tape, a flash card, a computer disk, an SD disk, and a computer-readable medium.

23. (Currently Amended) The ~~system~~ printer of claim 1, wherein the electronic output system comprises a handling mechanism to accommodate a plurality of removable storage devices.

24. (Currently Amended) The ~~system~~ printer of claim 23, wherein the handling mechanism is selected from a group consisting of: a feeder, a bandolier, and a tray.

25. (Currently Amended) The ~~system~~ printer of claim 1, wherein the electronic output system comprises a media writer selected from a group consisting of: a disposable media writer and a self-destructing media writer.

26. (Currently Amended) The ~~system~~ printer of claim 1, wherein the electronic output system is coupled to a speaker system and sends an audio signal to the speaker system.

27. (Currently Amended) The ~~system~~ printer of claim 26, wherein the electronic output system comprises an embedded sound player for generating the audio signal.

28. (Currently Amended) The ~~system~~ printer of claim 1, wherein the electronic output system comprises an embedded web page display.
29. (Currently Amended) The ~~system~~ printer of claim 1, wherein the media processing system comprises an embedded multimedia server.
30. (Currently Amended) The ~~system~~ printer of claim 1, wherein the media processing system comprises an embedded audio encryption module.
31. (Currently Amended) The ~~system~~ printer of claim 1, wherein the media processing system comprises an embedded video encryption module.
32. (Currently Amended) The ~~system~~ printer of claim 1, wherein the media processing system comprises an embedded audio sound localization module.
33. (Currently Amended) The ~~system~~ printer of claim 1, wherein the media processing system comprises an embedded video motion detection module.
34. (Currently Amended) The ~~system~~ printer of claim 1, wherein the media processing system determines a printed representation of the time-based media; and the system further comprises a printed output system in communication with the media processing system to receive the printed representation, the printed output system

producing a corresponding printed output from the printed representation of the time-based media.

35. (Currently Amended) The ~~system~~ printer of claim 34 wherein the printed output system is one of the group of a laser printer, an inkjet printer, a thermal wax transfer printer, a dye sublimation printer, a dot matrix printer, or a plotter.

36. (Currently Amended) The ~~system~~ printer of claim 34, further comprising a user interface that provides information to a user about at least one of the printed representation and the electronic representation of the time-based media, the user interface further accepting input from a user to cause the media processing system to modify at least one of the printed representation and the electronic representation of the time-based media.

37. (Currently Amended) The ~~system~~ printer of claim 34, wherein the media processing system determines at least one of the printed representation and the electronic representation with assistance from ~~an~~ the external ~~media processing system~~ that is an external computing device.

38-56. (Canceled).

57. (Currently Amended) A method for printing time-based media in a ~~system printer~~ for printing time-based media comprising a media processing system for determining an electronic representation of the time-based media ~~wherein the media processing system resides at least in part on a multimedia printer and at least in part on an external media processing system~~, the method comprising:

receiving user input indicating selection of one or more media processing resources from among resources of the printer and ~~the an external media processing system~~;

determining processing allocation for at least one task among the printer and the external ~~media processing system~~; and

determining the electronic representation of the time-based media using the determined allocation of resources.

58. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 57 wherein determining processing allocation for at least one task among the printer and the external ~~media processing system~~ further comprises determining whether the printer resource interacts as a master or as a slave with the external ~~media processing system~~.

59. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 57 wherein a user interface embedded on the ~~multimedia~~ printer displays a request for user input from the external ~~media processing system~~.

60. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 59 wherein the user interface displays processing status of task being processed by the external ~~media processing~~ system.

61. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 57, wherein a user interface that is a part of the external ~~media processing~~ system displays a request for user input from the printer.

62. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 61, wherein the user interface displays processing status of a task being processed by the printer.